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## Bosnia-Herzegovina

### Livestock and Products

## Animal Genetics Market and Import Procedures 2003

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**Report Highlights:**

The market for bovine semen in Bosnia Herzegovina is estimated to be about 270,000 doses annually. Artificial insemination is only used by about a quarter of farms but this is expected to rise due to government subsidies and increasing farmer acceptance. Bovine genetic imports are a mixture of dual use and dairy cows, mostly from European countries. Import tariffs range from zero to ten percent for animal genetics. This report contains a list of importers.

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## Imports of Breeding Cattle and Semen

Breeding animals and semen for embryo transfer are mostly imported into Bosnia Herzegovina from Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Serbia. There is no official data on imports. According to information provided by field veterinary stations (those stations approved for artificial insemination (AI) of animals), semen from a number of breeds can be found on the market.

There are consistent rumors about customs fraud with regard to importing live animals. It seems that a number of breeding animals and bulls for semen are imported and slaughtered shortly after, and used as raw meat for the industry. This is because import tariffs for live breeding animals are lower than tariffs for live animals for slaughter and raw meat.

## Import Procedures

Prior approval by the Entity Ministries of Agriculture must be requested for imports of both live animals and semen, and there are specific requirements that must be met. These requirements are in accordance with the [Office International des Epizooties](#) (OIE).

In addition, after the Entity Ministries of Agriculture provide their technical opinion and approve imports, the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations (MOFTER) must issue a final import permit.

Approvals for live animals, meat and meat products:

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**Final import permits for live animals:**

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**Tariffs**

**Table 1:-- Import Tariffs for Live Animals and Bulls Semen , Bosnia and Herzegovina**

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Import Tariff</b>
Breeding heifers	5%
Breeding cows	10%
Breeding sows	0%
Breeding sheep	0%
Breeding goats	0%
Bulls' semen	5%

**Background**

Bosnia Herzegovina's (BiH) livestock sector was seriously damaged during the 1992-1995 war. During that time livestock losses were estimated at 80%. Since then, the poultry and pork sub-sectors have nearly recovered and are approaching pre-war numbers, while the cattle and sheep sectors are still recovering.

A number of high- quality breeding cattle and sheep were imported in to Bosnia Herzegovina<sup>1</sup> (BiH) through humanitarian programs in the post-war period, and donated to non-commercial producers and refugees. However, in many instances these animals were slaughtered shortly after distribution and thus had no significant impact in terms of regenerating the livestock sector.

Before the 1992-1995 War in BiH, the existence of large, state-owned farms, and many small-scale private farms characterized the livestock sector. These state-owned farms were relatively successful in terms of increasing productivity due to the introduction of modern breeding techniques and the scientifically based selection of animals. Currently, most of these large farms are struggling to survive due to unsolved ownership issues. On the other hand, there are a few large private farms and a number of small farms with fewer than five animals. These small farms

<sup>1</sup> Under the 1995 Dayton Peace Agreement, Bosnia Herzegovina (BiH) is divided into two Entities: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (F BiH) and Republika Srpska (RS). Each Entity has its own Ministry of Agriculture. Understanding this dual governmental structure is important to doing business in the country.

have been unable to increase in size due to the lack of organized milk and meat marketing, and the overall difficulty in access to credit.

Cattle are usually used for both milk and meat production (mostly local Busa breed, Simmental and assorted crossbreeds). Before the war, large state-owned dairy farms imported mostly Holstein breed and achieved positive production results. Cattle fattening was based mostly on the Simmental breed. Generally, current production levels of meat and milk are poor due to a lack of access to high-energy feeds and haphazard genetic improvement plans.

According to existing regulations, all cattle should be artificially inseminated (AI) or mated with a licensed bull. However, there are no instruments that would successfully enforce these regulations to a larger extent. Controlled and artificial inseminations have been used in only about 25% - 30% of animals. Since the Republika Srpska has decided to subsidize AI of animals, it is expected that the percentage will soon be higher, at least for that part of the country.

(For more information on livestock and dairy please see reports #BK3003 and #BK3007 that may be downloaded from <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp>).

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